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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

[0001] Applicant requests that the following Comments on the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance be placed in the file. The Examiner's Reasons for Allowance states:

Specifically, the prior art fails to teach at least a media player and a means to playback media content in a playlist which is mixed. That is, a playlist which comprises a combination of "regular" (e.g. having a definite start and end) and "interactive" (e.g. not having a definite end) media (e.g. audio, video). One example of such an "interactive" media would be a game, which only ends when interacted with by the user. Given three media segments, the first and third being "regular" audio files (e.g. he second mp3), and the second being an "interactive" file (e.g. a game), this invention can play the first media file, buffer but not play the second media file, play the second media file once the first media file has completed playing, buffer but not play the third media file, end the second media file (e.g. by a user clicking an "End" button), then playing the third media file as normal.

[0002] Applicant notes that the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance lists features not found in the independent claims as allowed, and should not be construed to include such features. However, Applicant submits that the independent claims of the subject application do recite features that are neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited documents. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the independent claims is allowable for the features that it recites, rather than for the features described above which are not found in the independent claims as allowed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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